Chapter IV

'ETERNAL' and 'EVERLASTING'

hese two words and their variants are scattered throughout both the Old and New Testaments, and are not confined to the sayings of the Lord Jesus. The Hebrew word is Olam or Oulam, while the Greek is Aion and its derivatives. For the sake of simplicity, we will substitute its English equivalent of 'Eon'. THESE are the Scripture words which have been rendered Eternal, everlasting, for ever and ever, etc.

It calls for no Solomon to understand that that which NEVER ceases can only be in the SINGULAR. Therefore, IF the Hebrew Olam or Greek Eon mean time UNending, then there could be but '1' such Olam or Eon. Yet in numerous places in Scripture we find the PLURAL used! Wherefore, since we are plainly told that there are many (at least more than one) eons, then of sheer necessity is one 'eon' of LIMITED duration. A person need not be a Greek scholar to understand the simplicity of God's Truth; for, the translators "let the hellcat out of the bag" when they rendered certain passages "for ever AND ever". Since our theologians would have us believe that "for EVER" means time UNending, then it becomes quite impossible to attach to time UNending another equal period of time UNending by the words: "AND ever"! Wherefore let the unscholarly PRAISE GOD that He decreed His TRUTH to shine through - even in contorted translations like the Authorized and Revised!

Next we have the would-be 'reasoners' breathing sulphur and brimstone "for ever AND ever", by postulating that since the "eternal" nature of hell

is couched in the same language as is our "ETERNAL reign" with Christ, then it follows - say they - that since our life with Christ is to be 'eternal', so similarly must we understand the 'eternal' nature of suffering in 'hell'. This may sound plausible and be accepted when speaking to heads as empty as their own, yet the 'argument' does not stand up to scrutiny in the light of Scripture analysis. And its disposition is simple. St. Paul (generally recognized by all Christians as an authority - by virtue of inspiration), writing about this very "reign with Christ", said:

> "Then cometh THE END, when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign, TILL He hath put all enemies under His feet."
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> I Cor. 15:24 & 25

There you have it in language simple enough for any child to understand, that THE 'REIGN' BY CHRIST is to be of LIMITED duration, COMING TO A TERMINATION at some future date when He shall have put down all rule, having overcome "the last enemy" - which is death. Wherefore, since in the plainest of language and indisputable terms we are told that Christ's 'reign' is to be of LIMITED duration, then we are forced to admit that the self-same 'eternal' (eonian) extent of suffering in hell, is similarly LIMITED.

To understand 'hell' and the teachings of Jesus concerning it, we must first understand the composition of man. So long as we do not understand such words as 'soul' and 'spirit', it is utterly impossible for us to understand the Truths as revealed by God, nor yet to grasp - even in a measure - the grand purpose of 'hell'. It is the common error within Christendom to think of Soul and Spirit as synonymous terms. In this one terrific error rests man's failure to understand

'hell' and God's eonian plan for man.
The Spirit-tutored apostle wrote:

> "...and I pray God your whole SPIRIT and SOUL and body be preserved blameless..."
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> I Thess. 5:23

Here we behold a THREEfold man: (1) body, (2) soul and (3) spirit. The same Truth is taught back through the Old Testament. Even in the account of Adam's creation, we find the BODY formed from the elements of EARTH, into the nostrils of which God BREATHED or EXPIRED (from within Himself) the breath of liveS and man became (or 'generated') "a living SOUL" (Gen. 2:7). Who has ever heard, or read of God being a 'soul', or yet a wind-bag? Repeatedly does Scripture speak of God as being SPIRIT, or A SPIRIT. Hence is He termed the "Father of spirits" (Heb. 12:9); this the apostle based on Zechariah 12:1 which declares that God "formeth the spirit of man within him".

Since we have His own revealed word that God is A SPIRIT, not a 'soul' nor yet a wind-bag, then He had nothing but pure, virgin SPIRIT to exude into the head of Adam as the breath or distillation of LIFE, which in turn animated the body and generated therein "a living SOUL". Clearly has He told us that all beget their own kind. God was no exception. Since He is SPIRIT, and SPIRIT is LIFE, then He had but LIFE-SPIRIT to impart into the body of flesh known as Adam. That SPIRIT did not become alive for it WAS LIFE; and that begotten spirit or portion of God-LIFE animated the physical body of Adam AND generated within him "a living SOUL". The SPIRIT within Adam was as deathless as God Himself! IT had never been 'created'. But to the created and fashioned composition known as Adam, God spake saying:

> "...in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." - Gen. 2:17

Theologians and their proteges hand us the humbug of "dying away" from God in a spiritual way. Yet IF we will give God credit for being A RATIONAL PARENT, we recognize at once that He employs language His children can understand (without mental acrobatics and insults to reason). In Pslam 90:4 we are clearly told that A THOUSAND YEARS are but as ONE DAY with God. Thus when God told Adam he would die within the 'day', He was speaking from the center of His own God-consciousness, without concern over the sunrises and sunsets for fleshly man. On this basis we see that Adam's reputed lifetime measured thus:

$$\frac{930 \text{ yrs. } \times 24}{1000} = 22.32$$

Hence Adam lived for 22 hours and 19 minutes of God's 'day'.

The physical body of Adam factually 'died' within the 'day' of his transgression. And since his 'soul' (as distinct from spirit) was a part of the created Adam, that too came under the selfsame sentence unto death. Much later as the descendants of Adam had become more conscious of their 'souls', God enlarged on His declaration unto Adam:

"The SOUL that sinneth, it shall die."

Ezek. 18:4, 20

As we carefully study the substance of the chapter we find that God decreed LIFE unto those who would abide in righteousness, yet "the SOUL that sinneth, it shall die". Yet none of the righteous ever LIVED indefinitely in the physical body. Wherefore we are forced to conclude that God meant precisely what He said that the 'SOUL' of the sinner would DIE, but that the SOUL of the righteous would LIVE.

Precisely the same Truth had God revealed

through Moses, and for which objective the entire system of elaborate sacrificial rites was established. In Leviticus 17:11 we read:

> "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement FOR YOUR SOULS: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

Yet none of those "atoned for" Israelites lived beyond the normal expectation of life in the PHYSICAL body. God spoke of their 'SOULS' - and meant just that. SOUL but not 'spirit'.

That this was the common Jewish concept in the days of the Lord Jesus is clearly perceived from the conversation He had with the lawyer. Said the latter: "...what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And the Lord answered: "WHAT is written in the Law? HOW readest thou?" - thereby clearly implying that LIFE beyond the present world was something to be had or entered into through a certain WAY OF LIFE; and that the selfsame way of life was clearly taught in the Mosaic Law. (See Luke 10:25-26, and in verses 27-28 the thought is further strengthened and affirmed to be a positive Truth and reality by the Lord Jesus.)

To better understand the interrelationship between spirit, soul and body, let us consider spirit in its basically analogous element of FIRE ("God is a consuming FIRE."). Fire is heat and light (God is LIFE and LIGHT). Yet a latent fire, or an uncontrolled fire is worthless (to man); it must be harnessed: it must be given an 'engine' or a VEHICLE for expression. Harnessed in and directed through such an 'engine', fire may give off heat, light, energy, turning the vast wheels of industry.

Similarly with the begotten, naked spirit-FLAMES: children of the Spirit-Father: they needed 'engines' or VEHICLES through which to express their dormant potentials of the God-LIFE. To facilitate this, GOD WROUGHT HIS MASTERPIECE: the

human body. Here was an 'engine' so marvelously fashioned that it could be used by the indwelling spirit in ten thousand ways and more! Yet it enshrined one weakness: the susceptibility to disobedience unto the Divine Parent. Thus when the Law unto Life became broken through disobedience, the life-symphony of the body was also broken, leading to its speedy 'death'. Thus would the spirit again be precipitated back into its original NAKED estate unless it could be provided with a body surviving the physical death. This God achieved, and we are told about it in Genesis 2:7, where the God-Spirit exuded into Adam, GENERATING in him a living SOUL.

Perhaps you will better understand it if we say that A TORTOISE is LIFE within a body of flesh which has a covering SHELL. Its shell is distinctly different in substance from its body of flesh. Yet the shell is A GENERATED cover: A CRYSTALIZATION of the life processes within its body of flesh, to serve as an extra protection.

Similarly with the spirit in man: it has its body of FLESH as an engine, or vehicle in the material world. But by INVERSE process (in contrast to the exuded, crystalizing shell of the tortoise), the life forces ETHEREALIZE another body of a much finer, more attenuated substance. It interpenetrates and slightly envelopes the physical body. Within it fluxes the invisible LIFE of the physical body. And, when the material body of flesh is laid aside through death, the spirit still has this 'engine' by which it can 'carry on' in the 'unseen' (Hades), or soul world. We might contrast it to a person's underwear. If caught in an accident resulting in loss of shirt and pants, the man would still have his underwear in which to get home. While the physical body is that MASTER garment built to take the stress of time and wear; it sheathes and constantly vitalizes the living 'underwear' (the soul-body) not visible to the ordinary vision.

Concerning this SOUL-body, God emphatically de-

clared through His prophet: "The SOUL that sinneth, IT SHALL DIE." Although we find quite occasionally that the word 'soul' is used to designate the person, yet we must use our God-given discernment. Since the days of Adam, it ceased to be news to his descendants that they were to DIE (as the consequence of sin). The Omniscient God did not spend time with His prophet three thousand years after Adam to tell His people that they were going to DIE! But the 'SOUL' - said He, because of SIN - would DIE. To offset this, He granted the sacrificial rites to the Israelites, showing them the conditions under which He would permit the TRANSFUSION of an animal's SOUL-LIFE into the soul-structure of the penitent sinner, thereby providing an age-lasting ('eonian') SOUL-body to the obedient one under the Law. This was the "ATONEMENT for the SOUL" as emphatically declared in Leviticus 17:11, and elsewhere.

We have now scanned the infant SPIRIT-flame begotten by the Divine SPIRIT-fire, and how the Parent fashioned and provided His begotten ones by highly perfected two-fold 'engines', through which to find experience and grow in the service of the Father's vineyard. Yet DISOBEDIENCE to the SYMPHONY OF LIFE set up a 'core-rot' within the structures of both physical and soul-engines. The death of the physical, or MASTER-engine constituted a terrific LOSS to the indwelling spirit, yet IF the SOUL-body could be preserved, that would greatly mitigate the spirit's loss of the body of flesh. To this end was the "Law of Moses" given.

NOW we are in a position to understand the words spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of His most relevant ones we shall quickly consider. Neither the lawyer nor the rich young ruler asked Him how they could escape 'torture' in the life beyond death: they had never heard of such an atrocious doctrine: their great Yahweh was not to them a monster. They were merely wanting to make sure about A CONTINUED CONSCIOUS EXISTENCE beyond the grave. To this He emphatically answered that the

means thereto had been provided them through the Law of Moses.

> "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"
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> Matt. 23:33

The above is the fury-frothing of a hate-inspired hell clique which sought to keep the ignorant masses subservient through fear. The Lord here said nothing about 'damnation'. No one in the slightest familiar with Greek can find anything remotely akin to 'damnation'. It is a purely hell-inspired rendering by stooges of Lucifer. Here is the relevant portion of the Greek: "...apo tās kriseōs tās gehennās?" Transliterated - "from the judgment the Gehenna's". The Greek 'kriseos' means JUDGMENT: an impartial sentence based on the facts of the case; the 'judgment' may be corrective, punitive or even entirely favorable; even as today Judges often mete out EXHONORATING judgment. Although in the above we might infer that the 'judgment' might be unfavorable unto 'serpents' and 'vipers'; yet we have no right to supply words for our Lord, contorting judgment into damnation!

> "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the SOUL: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both SOUL and body in Gehenna."
>
> Matt. 10:28

Here we see the Lord Jesus counselled His disciples to not be jittery in the presence of those able to kill the body of flesh yet after that have no power to kill the SOUL. But rather, said He, stand in awe and respect before Him Who has the power to DESTROY ('apolesai' - disintegrate or bring to nothing) both the body and the SOUL-body in the flames of Gehenna. Observe that nothing was said

about the 'spirit'. Naturally, when its last body (soul) is destroyed, then once more is the spirit naked yet FREE - to once more bow before its Father (Ecc. 12:7).

> "...it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into Gehenna, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."
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> Mk. 9:43 & 44

The above is - perhaps - one of the most used passages of the New Testament by those who spew fire and brimstone for ever AND ever. IF we accept the above as being the words of "the Son of God", then we must also accept His statement that His words were not His own, but entirely and verbatim what He heard from the Father-Glory. IF so, then we must consider the words with the utmost care. For, we are not justified to postulate that the Omniscient God would speak to His children in careless language which would convey a different meaning than the thought He had in mind. Let us see what He said:

> "into the fire that never shall be quenched"

IF there is a lake of fire "prepared for the devil and his angels (messengers)", we might well suppose that its flames are enduring and not to be choked out by a spurt of water. Supposing a body falls into "Old Man River" which just "keeps rolling along", does that necessarily mean that the body must also "keep rolling along" indefinitely? Well, hardly! Wherefore, let us not be so full of the devil that we ascribe to God a meaning which He did not voice!

> "where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."

WHAT is a worm? Do they fly in the air, roost in the trees or maybe stalk lions in the jungle? Well, hardly! A worm is among the simplest forms of life: wiggling, wriggling, tunneling in the EARTH. The worm breaks up and emulsifies the soil. Proportionately, the worm processes an immense amount of soil to extract its small requirement of energy and growth. It is the UNseen LIFE within the clod of matter, growing, emulsifying. THUS the worm becomes a beautiful portrayal of the SPIRIT within man: that LIFE which is deep within and unseen, processing immense amounts of EARTH experiences to extract its energy and slow growth; perpetually breaking up the dense carnality of its EARTH-engine (Gen. 2:7), emulsifying the courseness of the earth-man's baser propensities. The SPIRIT within man is that little LIFE-wriggler working towards the eventual and entire amenability ('arable') of the physical man to the spirit within. Surely, by no stretch of the imagination can we postulate He intended the 'worm' to typify the body. Neither can we suppose that factual 'worms' are having their fill on bodies in 'hell'. Wherefore, since it becomes imperative to concede that He used figurative language, we cannot separate the 'worm' from the 'spirit' without doing violence to reason.

By this we see that the meaning of the Lord's words were almost the very opposite to that which brimstone theologians spew 'for ever AND ever'. First He declared that the 'fire' was a SPIRITUAL fire - which could never be quenched. All factual fires (known to man) had a beginning, and have had, or will have a termination. Secondly He said that within that 'Gehenna' of 'fire', God was well able to completely DESTROY: to utterly ANNIHILATE through disintegration both the physical body as well as the soul(-body). But, said He, that SPIRIT-life deep within of which you are not scarcely aware: that 'worm'-like spark of life within working for the sublimation of the physical body: THAT 'worm' <u>within will never perish</u> in the flames of

'Gehenna'. When that spirit-'worm' has lost its clod of matter in which to live and work, then naturally it is FREE and returns to the source from whence it sprung (God).

Is there any Scripture to indicate that the spirit becomes freed? Ample! Since we are now dealing with the words of the Lord Jesus with reference to destruction of body and soul in the fires of Gehenna, it is only right that we should consider His words for added detail:

> "Agree with thine plaintiff quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the plaintiff deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing."
>
> Matt. 5:25 & 26

'Plaintiff' has here been used in preference to 'adversary'. Although the Greek 'antidikos' can be rendered adversary, yet plaintiff is also its meaning. Since we are prone to link the 'adversary' of Scripture with the Devil (satanas), it is better that we use 'plaintiff' here, for, the Lord was not speaking of Satan.

Almost from the opening to close of the sacred Record, we find an unceasing account of the Spirit of God PLEADING with erring, obstreperous and TRANSGRESSING man: that he may mend his ways "and LIVE" ...."for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek. 18:31). "My Spirit shall not always STRIVE with man" (Gen. 6:3). NOWHERE can we establish by The Record that the Lord Jesus entered into discourses about travel; about politics nor yet about penal institutions and their practices. Were we to disregard the facts of His invariable principle-in-practice and postulate that in Matthew 5:25 He talked about lawbreakers and man made prisons, then we

have averred that He was either a babbler or an intentional deceiver! For, prisons have as yet not been made from which there can be no escape. And even in ancient and barbaric times, CLEMENCY was occasionally extended to prisoners. Even at the time of our Lord's mock trial, Barabbas the criminal was released from prison and set at full liberty! But emphatically stated the Lord that from the 'prison' of which He spoke there could be no possible escape ("by no means"), nor yet ever the slightest clemency ('UNTIL the uttermost farthing is paid'!)

Quickly AGREE with the pleadings of God's Spirit, said He, while you still have time and the chance. For, at any time (Death needs no appointment) may you be turned over to the Great Judge, Who, having judged you (adversely), turns you over to the angel (officer) in charge to deliver you into hell (prison), from where there is no escape UNTIL both your body and soul have been consumed in its flames (the 'uttermost farthing paid'). By I Peter 3:19 we see where His disciple used the same 'prison' word when speaking of 'spirits'. It is common dogma that the 'soul' of man is deathless and will be TORMENTED in the flames of 'hell for ever AND ever'. Yet emphatically is it here stated that nowhere (in Scripture) are we told that the 'soul' is deathless. On the contrary, God has repeated Himself in declaring that

"The SOUL that sinneth, IT SHALL DIE!"

To believe as you see fit is your personal privilege, yet personal 'beliefs' cannot alter FACTS in the slightest. IF from the Bible we gather the evidence which constitutes the foundation for our 'belief' in Heaven and Hell, then by the verdict of the same Record we ought to detail our concept thereof and freely accept its unequivocal statements. What I am trying to say is, since it is recorded that God has said the 'SOUL' which sins shall 'DIE', it leaves us no right to say the

'soul' is deathless and shall be 'tormented' through time unending. Clearly are we told that we have no right to 'interpret' Scripture; yet man is wilfully stubborn to disobey God, while others woefully gullible to believe the lies.

Revelation 14:10 speaks of the worshippers of the 'beast' to be tormented with fire and brimstone. Then in verse 11 we are told:

> "And the SMOKE of their torment ascendeth up for ever AND ever."

Are we to believe that God is to put on a magician's hocus-pocus SHOW? Are we to believe that He is a deceiver, causing a hallucination to be seen "for ever AND ever"? IF not, then let us whole heartedly accept His Word.

'SMOKE' is not a mirage; it is not a figment of fancy, neither is it a dream. But smoke ('kapnos' in the Greek) is the visible evidence of matter in a state of rapid disintegration through high heat or fire. As yet it is not known to man that there can be smoke without an object (or matter) in the process of destruction. So far as we know, the old saying is true, "Where there is smoke, there is fire". And where there is fire there is also destruction (disintegration). Therefore said our Lord:

> "...fear Him which <u>is able</u> to destroy (annihilate) both soul and body in Gehenna."

But hell-inspired parrots have warped the Word of God to the villification of a loving Father and to the disillusionment of the simple."

Chapter V

HELL'S PURPOSE IN THE PLAN OF GOD

ur entire concept of 'hell' must be revamped to agree with the Divine revelation, and that also goes for 'creation' itself. The 'CREATION' of our theologians, and the 'hell' of their rantings is enough to discredit a devil instead of giving glory to a "good God"! Wherefore, we shall now briefly scan 'creation' and probe the depths of 'hell'; yes, even to its temperature! Let children of the Light AWAKEN to glorify their Father!

In the opening account of 'creation' we are told that God commanded the humans to "subdue the earth", and to gain dominion over the fowl of the air and the beasts of the earth (Gen. 1:28). It is proper that we should consider those words in their literal context, yet we fall far short if there we stop! We have caught, tamed and trained beasts of the jungle, but how much 'dominion' have we gained over the birds of the air? Sure, we are able to kill them, but gaining 'dominion' over them is not synonymous with the power to kill. It was over the very selfsame error of the Pharisees that Jesus took them to task. HE approved of and commended them for observing the letter of the Law, but severely excoriated them for stopping in the LITERAL, neglecting to enter into the SPIRIT of the Law!

As we enter into the symbolic language of God, we find that the 'EARTH' bespeaks the physical BODY of man, for, it has been fashioned from its very elements. While the 'beasts' of the 'earth' become the beastial propensities of the earth-man.

The denizens of the 'DEEP' typify our emotions: our lusts, while the birds of the AIR typify our thoughts. THESE - said He - we were to 'SUBDUE', and over every carnal thought and emotion gain 'DOMINION'. Founded in an understanding of TRUTH'S original decree did the "Son of God" more explicitly command:

> "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."
>
> Matt. 5:48

Into the head of the EARTH-man, God spoke forth His own Spirit. GOD was then a 'FATHER' - having begotten His own kind. Millions of fish, birds, beasts and even man could not constitute A SPIRIT a 'father'. Fatherhood necessitates the begetting of one's own kind. Wherefore, when the God-SPIRIT begot infant spirits, then had He become a 'Father'. Of this are we specifically told in Genesis 2:7.

In Genesis 1:26 & 27 we are clearly told that man became "in the image of God" and after His own likeness. Are not children begotten by humans like unto their parents? And do not normal parents labor, sacrifice and bend their utmost efforts to the end that their children may attain to the stature of their own in the physical, in the mental and cultural?

Thus when we behold a good and normal human parent sacrificing self that the offspring may attain unto its proper stature and good in life, we are but beholding the GOD-NATURE finding expression; for, "in His image and AFTER HIS LIKENESS" have we been brought forth. THAT was the reason for God's begetting. HE said it wasn't good for man to be alone; if so, then neither for God! HE wanted children: sons and daughters to eventually attain unto His own stature: that INEFFABLE GLORY might fill all space, crowding out all darkness and imperfections. As yet the Divine injunction has not ceased to impinge through the reaches of outer space, nor

yet has it seized fully the central vortex of man's consciousness:

> "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect"!

Yet WHY should 'hell' enter into that drama of infant enroute to God-consciousness? Again the answer lies within the realm of our own observable nature and experience. Ordinarily, the parents who shower their offspring with unceasing sweet patter; who never resort to discipline but merely a gush of mush called 'love', bring up brats which disgrace society and bring grief upon both self and parents. The ever progressive standards and ideals set by society, can never be attained unto by the infant unaided; but prolonged tutelage, encouragement, coaching and CORRECTION are all called for. Similarly, and even moreso by the infant-spirits begotten by God, unto whom He said: 'SUBDUE the earth-body's propensities; and over your every carnal instinct, lust and thoughts-in-error GAIN DOMINION!'

On this lowest plain of possible consciousness, we are under the power-DRIVE of opposites. We could name heat and cold as well as scores of others, yet let us lump it all into "good and evil". The 'power-drive' or titanic force thus engendered could be illustrated by the cyclone or tornado. Heat areas capped by cold air engender tremendous air-currents. When such meets 'head-on' with another, the tornado roars into its fury and destructive sweep-in-devastation. This world of opposites we might label 'God's tornado arena for the children of His begetting'; that, caught between the power-arms of the 'tornado', the spirit may ever and increasingly yearn to get out of the CONFLICT by drawing on its native God-power.

As this is practised more and more (induced by the 'persuasion' of stress), there is a 'gravitational' pull, or centripetal drawing towards the CENTRAL CORE of the 'tornado'. In the shaft of that central core broods a sweet calm! And the

'central core' is GOD! Unto those who ever draw towards the tornado's core, no further 'hell' of correction is ever needed. THIS truth voiced the Christ when saying:

> "...and him that cometh to (towards) me
> I will in no wise cast out."
>
> Jn. 6:37

However, as it is with spirits in relationship to God, so we see with many children: they are wilfull, headstrong and contrary to the love and counsel of the parent. SUCH NEED MORE DRASTIC TREATMENT! The mild and primary stage of this more 'drastic persuasion' is encountered in 'hades' after the spirit has lost the physical body through death. While the extreme corrective measure awaits at a more distant day those who obstinately will not yield to the loving Father's call of "Come unto me". This final and most drastic is the "lake of fire" treatment. For this the Lord Jesus chose the more pictorial language His people could understand, calling it Gehenna, and the Gehenna of fire."

Chapter VI

THE GRAND OBJECTIVE and ITS TERRIFIC PROBLEM

he "grand objective" we have already glimpsed in that the God-Spirit begot infant spirit-children; for whom He aspired that they should grow into the maturity of "His own likeness". To facilitate and immensely speed this process, VEHICLES for expression; bodies or 'engines' - if you please - were planned by Infinite Intelligence and fashioned by the Master Artist Himself! This physical body is God's MASTER-PIECE: designed and built to withstand the stress of time, and to function perfectly throughout countless thousands of years.

Yet even this was a slow process; wherefore, God foresaw and decided to take advantage of Lucifer's rebellion in order to utilize and turn to good account (for His children) the power-unto-growth through the 'tornado's' stress of opposites. Yet this rebellion of Lucifer and the consequent disobedience, broke the Divine symphony of the 'tabernacle' built for the spirit, yielding death!

> "And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the Tree of Life, and eat, and live for ever...."
>
> Gen. 3:22

By this we perceive that the Infinite Father did

not construe it well that His spirit-children should dwell in immortal bodies after disobedience had entered. We must understand that the will of the Divine Parent for His offspring was ALL GOOD and FOR their GOOD. Hence His decree that the spirit of ERROR should not have an immortal 'engine' by which to develop and grow in evil on crossroads to His planned PATH OF PERFECTION.

We must realize that the 'engine' God designed for His spirit-children, possesses potentials and assets which He will not lightly dismiss as 'a bad mistake'. HE is determined to 'exploit to the full' the opportunity unto growth in understanding made possible for the spirit through the indwelling of this 'tabernacle' - even while on the Pathway-in-Error. THUS THE 'PROBLEM': HE would not permit the 'Adam' of bygone ages to live forever in an 'engine' powered unto disobedience. TRUTH has not changed. Disobedience netted death in the first instance, and a little later it yielded death to the secondary, or 'SOUL'-body.

Whatsoever was GOOD, and RIGHT in God's PERFECT will yesterday, remains the same today and throughout the unceasing laps of the cosmic tide. 'GOD CHANGES NOT'! "The soul that sinneth, IT SHALL DIE"! We might as well say "it MUST die"! That is, UNLESS its 'core-rot' of disobedience can be completely eliminated, or purged away. God will not - cannot - permit the roots of disobedience to become permanently entrenched, growing into an opposing force which would foil His Plan and wreck all of creation. Hence the imperativeness of 'hell' and the "Lake of Fire".

It is even like unto a 'house' which has become extremely radioactive, or polluted with virulent disease germs. To live in it leads to grief and death. UNLESS it can be successfully decontaminated: IT MUST BE DESTROYED!

That 'house' polluted is the 'tabernacle' of the human body for the spirit within, VIRULENTLY CONTAMINATED BY THE SIN OF SELF-WILL WHICH RUNS AT CROSS PURPOSES TO THE GOD-WILL. Yet God implement-

ed a plan whereby this 'house' could be successfully 'decontaminated', and the 'engine' which it constitutes, go on unto the glorious destiny planned by its Designer (who is God).

On the other hand, IF the spirit wilfully rejects the 'decontamination plan', then must its 'engine' for self-expression be utterly destroyed, as well as its archetype (in which the spirit could again build another body 'geared unto disobedience'). This final destruction of its twofold 'house' when THROUGH-polluted, takes place in the "lake of fire".

Chapter VII

TYPES OF CONTAMINATION AND THROUGH-POLLUTION

cholars have reasoned that the well educated Moses taught his people measures of 'hygiene', and implemented decrees of segregation or isolation to keep 'contagion' at its minimum. Such reasoning is not entirely aside from the facts, yet falls far short of revealing the fullness of Truth. 'Plagues' within the camp were so violent that its people were falling dead like autumn leaves in a gale. All that was required to instantly stop such a plague was for Aaron to light an incense-censer with fire from off the altar and run between the dead and the living in the name of Yahweh! IF, then, we believe these accounts, we must realize that a Divinely led and Theocratically ruled people were in no need of 'isolation' practices to safeguard their health.

The Jews - as well as Christendom - have been so woefully slow to perceive that the Yahweh delivered rules, laws and ordinances, were to speak to them and to generations unborn of GREATER TRUTHS IN GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN; while the experiences which befell them were but the DRAMATIZATION OF GOD'S WAY OF DEALING WITH ALL HIS SPIRIT CHILDREN IN PATHWAYS OF ERROR: DRAMAS IN DIVINE JUDGMENT ENACTED BY A GOD-DIRECTED 'TROUPE'. Behold:

> "And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, UNclean, UNclean.

> ALL the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be."
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> Leviticus 13:45 & 46

As we carefully study the Mosaic law and Ordinances, we find that 'sin' in all forms constituted a 'defilement' (UNcleanness) which had to be purged away. Even the priests - who were supposedly living good lives - had to first WASH, and also to offer sin offerings for themselves before their intercessory rites for the people would be accepted by Yahweh. Even the touching of a dead body constituted defilement!

THAT was also the original decree: not merely the appropriating of the forbidden fruit, but even its touching became defilement unto death! (See Gen. 3:3.)

Now carefully observe: so soon as Adam and Eve had disobeyed they became UNclean in the sight of God, and immediately were DRIVEN OUT FROM GOD'S PRESENCE! THEY HAD TO 'DWELL OUTSIDE THE CAMP'! 'God changes not'; neither does He cease to exploit every opportunity to teach His wayward children WHAT LIES AHEAD!

As we continue to study the entirety of the Laws and ordinances, we find that LEPROSY was the only defilement for both men and women which permanently SHUT THEM OUT OF THE CAMP. By this God has shown us that 'leprosy' was that peculiar disease and affliction which TYPIFIED 'sin' and that defilement which would force Him to 'shut them out of the camp' (of God). Nevertheless, let not the reader fail to observe how the ordinance read: "...All the days wherein the plague shall be in him...." That is, IF as and when the leprous condition ceased to be in the body, THEN could the previously leprous RETURN INTO THE CAMP (after the prescribed rites of sanctification).

We find such cases recorded in the Old Testa-

ment, and numerous in the New - where Jesus 'cleanses' them. Whereupon He commanded them to fulfill the prescribed rites before the priest, and return into the camp of their peoples! Let us then not be so overfilled with hell-venom that we postulate God shuts the sinner 'out of His camp' for ever AND ever. Some are not satisfied to thus deny the righteousness of God, but ascribe Him beastial devilishness!

As the 'leprosy' in Bible times covered various degrees of infection, so similarly is 'sin' in categories of "degree of pollution". Wherefore, we need but make a careful study of leprosy and God's decrees pertaining thereto, in order to fully understand 'hell' as well as the "lake of fire".

By the previous quotation from Leviticus 13, we behold how the Lord God sought to show us His JUDGMENT pertaining to errant spirit-children steeped in 'sin', and how His inexorable decree portrays the freedom from sin as the inescapable requirement to dwell in His presence.

As to the major categories of pollution and His judgment thereon, we find the details as we proceed in His 'LAW'. These we shall now view. And may the reader ever bear in mind that the holy Yahweh 'CHANGES NOT!'

> "The GARMENT also that the plague of leprosy is in, a woolen garment, or a linen garment; .... And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up it that hath the plague seven days. And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, ...the plague is a fretting leprosy; IT IS UNCLEAN. HE SHALL THEREFORE BURN THAT GARMENT, whether warp or woof, in woolen or in linen, or in anything of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy; IT SHALL BE BURNT IN THE FIRE!"
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it-child cannot move the Divine Parent one iota. GOD knows what is best as well as that which becomes a MUST in His plan for man.

There is only one 'SOLVENT' for the sin-smitten human soul, and that is the LIFE-SPIRIT of God Almighty. Said He: "The LIFE (spirit)...is in the BLOOD." Thus: His LIFE-spirit He has made available unto us for THE CLEANSING FROM SIN. Yet <u>if</u> this cleansing solvent is refused so that "the seventh day" still finds us 'leprous' with sin, then that SOUL (-body) must be wholly destroyed in 'hell'. Yet this is not a doctrine of annihilation. We must bear in mind that as and when a man suffered the loss of a leprous garment in fire, HE WAS PERSONALLY STILL ALIVE AND FREE! He had merely lost a garment - WHICH COULD AGAIN BE REPLACED! Now we proceed to the next decree:

> "When... I put the plague of leprosy in A HOUSE of the land of your possession; ...Then the priest...(shall) shut up the house seven days: ...and if the plague be spread in the walls of the house, then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague is, and they shall cast them into an unclean place without the city: and he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about.... Then the priest shall come and look, and, behold, if the plague be spread in the house, it is a fretting leprosy...it is unclean. And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and THE TIMBER THEREOF, and all the morter of the house; and HE SHALL CARRY THEM FORTH OUT OF THE CITY INTO AN UNCLEAN PLACE."
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> Leviticus 14:34, 38-41, 44-45

Here "the HOUSE" as the man's outer shelter and protection, is symbolic of the spirit's human BODY,

composed both of organic (timber) and inorganic matter (stones). The stones and plaster also typify possessions, for, we see how the house would still be left standing after such non-essentials had been removed.

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city, this "unclean place" becomes the Valley of Hinnom or 'Gehenna'.

Again the same observation applies: Although the man may suffer the complete loss of his 'house' in an 'unclean place', yet he personally remains alive, free and secure! The SPIRIT may "suffer loss", yet is deathless through the unceasing laps of the cosmic tide.

Christians who accept Jesus' Divinity, should bear in mind His words unto the leper: "I WILL; BE THOU CLEAN"! Even the non-Christian finds the substance of the same will of God in the Old Testament: "I have no pleasure in the death of him (the wicked) that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore TURN YOURSELVES (repent), AND LIVE YE!" (Ezekiel 23,32.)

GOD WILLS OUR CLEANSING (from 'leprosy'). In fact, it is a MUST in His plan. Wherefore when the obstreperous and wilful spirit does not yield to clemency and enter into the 'cleansing rites' unto a full restoration, then comes the loss of body and soul - that the spirit-child shall become denuded to once more stand before the Father. Would not a son or daughter, stripped of garments, stand in grief, shame, and helpless before the father? Similarly with the denuded spirit-child!

Above there is mention of the "wilful and obstreperous". This is shown us by the covering to be placed on the upper lip, and crying "UNclean" (Leviticus 13:45). The upper lip has come down through the centuries as a symbol of self-will and determination. It is a part of the head into which God spoke forth of His own Spirit. Thus to the shame and sorrow of the spirit must this self-will be covered or hid and driven out from the presence of God!

In Leviticus 14:1-32 and 14:40-43 are detailed the CLEANSING rites for the leprous person and a smitten house. These portray the 'means of salvation' and cleansing from sin; but since this is not a treatise on 'salvation', we shall not study the rites here.

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Chapter VIII

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And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from dead."

- Jesus - Luke 16:19-31 (AV)

The foregoing 'parable' by the Lord Jesus will constitute the basis for our study of the after-life. It is recognized that non-Christian readers will not accept His authority; and there are also some Christians who will pay scant attention to a 'parable'.

Nevertheless, the forthcoming and entire study of this 'parable' by our Lord can be fully backed up by the Old Testament Scriptures. For, we must recognize that God has conformed everything to the basic pattern! At the commencement of recorded 'sin', God decreed that the Edenic pair had to be driven out (from His presence). This is SEPARATION from God because of sin. Then the details of the tragic experience of His 'chosen people', portrays the step by step judgment of God in the AFTERLIFE as well as various allegorical illustrations for the here and now! For the planned extent of this treatise, it would take up far too much space to consider their detailed vicissitudes; hence but the study of the above parable.

Yet for a brief glimpse, it may be stated that their deportation to Babylon, and the destruction of Jerusalem as well as the temple, is a portrayal of the loss of body and soul through the power of 'Babylon's king'. But first a brief glance at a little understood portion of His parable. "..... send him to my father's house: for I have five

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In this chapter, it is important to keep in mind that Mr. Dahl is relating a parallel between the soul realm and the nature and environment of the water realm (here on earth). The Scriptures reveal that the soul realm is depicted by the element of water, therefore we can gain a great deal of understanding (relatively speaking) about the soul realm by studying the medium of water, the creatures that inhabit it and its limitations.

[J.R.W.]

Here we shall commence a clear scrutiny of life in 'hades' as the 'dead' awaken. If you will to look upon scenes sombre and awesome, then walk with me through the chambers of 'hell' that you may perceive and understand through another's God-given vision, not blinded by dogma or creed. And as the major portions unfold, the connecting links to the parable (or other Scripture) will be given - that its Truth may take root within you.

Such as never accepted Yahweh's ordinances unto LIFE in ancient times, and such as have never entered into the "New Covenant" unto Life: all become basically typified by "the rich man".

Death - as we know it - is for the physical man. Dependent on its form, the loss of 'consciousness' is but for moments. For the briefest moment there is a blackout like when entering into deep sleep. But when the physical body is fully 'dead', then its life forces cease to nourish the

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they soon learn to travel by means of propulsion (made possible through the soul's counterpart of our present solar plexus). Yet be not deceived by the twaddle of some that they know no 'distance'; that they have but to 'will', when presto! they are there. Space, distance and time are as real to souls as to humans! By a careful analysis of the fish of the sea, we could even approximate the speed of the soul's travel.

Although the soul-world interpenetrates the physical, and extends some 4,500 miles into the stratosphere, that does not mean that the soul can choose its own 'altitude': their height and depth range being strictly limited, and dependent on their own vibrational pitch. The viciously evil (Stalins and Hitlers) strike nether chords of vibration; human derelicts and debauchees are not far above them: all these find themselves at depths within, or below the surface of our earth - where the light is sparse and lurid. Their world is monstrous! And without beauty! It is a sordid projection of what they were in earth-life. Many of their caverns of habitation are not too unlike what we now sometimes see under the caption of "modern art". (Well might one wonder if now the whole world is so close to fusing with 'hell' that the Pit's chaotic unbeauty impinges on the consciousness of many....)

Such do not find themselves in the company of the just and good who were 'unsaved'. They had nothing in common on earth, neither have they in 'hell'. 'UNsaved' musicians, doctors and other classes (here on earth) do not necessarily find themselves together after death. Such vocations here on earth have nothing to do with the soul's vibrational pitch. To illustrate, we might place God at one extreme and the devil at the other (NATURES considered). Then the soul's degree of harmony with the one or other (extreme), is that which determines its 'vibrational pitch', and hence its 'level' or location in the unseen (hades) world.

Those whose earth-lives are snuffed out in war or by accident, will regain consciousness in the awareness of friends and earth conditions, from whence they shortly recede or ascend to their own vibrational level. The very aged, or those whose interests in life have largely ceased, have but a fleeting vision of the fading earth-life as they quickly sink or rise to their own true level. The higher (away from the earth's center) the strata, the greater their light, and the less of the nether pit's malformations and unbeauty.

Once I heard a Christian evangelist raving about hell's 'lava' and that "there is no love in hell". Such are but the unfounded rantings of the ignorant. There is no molten metal or stone in 'hell', nor yet in "the lake of fire". And there is every whit as much LOVE in 'hell' as we find it here on earth. In fact, I am prone to think of it as greater. In the strata of the Stalins, it is sadly wanting, yet we must bear in mind that such extremes of human fiends are comparatively few. By and large, 'love' is a vital factor in hell, and helps to make hades more 'hellish'!

> "...for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment."
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> Luke 16:28

IF we accept the verdict of the Lord Jesus, then we perceive, and must admit that whatsoever the true inner man may have been while on earth, THAT HE IS AND CONTINUES TO BE - after so-called death. Immediately when the 'rich man' realized that nothing could be done for himself, he pleaded on behalf of his brethren - "lest they also come into this place of torment"! That in itself adds to their portion of suffering in 'hades': the realization that loved ones are similarly heading for their own tragic lot. 'Love' receives a new awakening in 'hell' to sear its unrequited

(or inability to demonstrate) agony into the very spirit itself!

Reflect on this fact-in-Truth: the child, or human, manifests no change in nature, inside the house or out; in the top-coat or out of it. Similarly with the human spirit: inside the physical body or out of it, that particular spirit is not one iota different.

Death of the physical body has taken place: the 'silver cord' has been broken: the earth-body's streaming life forces are no longer coursing through the 'soul'-body. A change takes place similar to the reversed metabolism in the physical when a person goes on a fast. Or more correctly it is voiced in the words of the prophet:

> "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the SPIRIT OF THE LORD HAS REVERSED* IN IT."
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> Isaiah 40:7

* "Bloweth upon it" in A.V. (God's Spirit does not 'blow'; for, He is not a wind-bag.)

In the above passage, the grass represents the body, while the 'flower' typifies the 'soul'. And that - says He - shall fade (away) - even as the grass (body) withers. We might say that the "current has reversed": it has changed from positive to negative; the atoms composing its tenuous structure are no longer being bound together. Figuratively we could say that the 'magnetism' therein will dissipate.

We are now speaking of the 'UNsaved' soul. Its 'leprosy' is let loose! I can behold no difference in the state of a disintegrated 'soul' in hades, than as observable in the malignant and advanced stage of a leper here on earth! Slowly, exceedingly slowly, the skin or outermost layers commence to fray, hang loose and drop off. This relentless process continues until there is not a vestige left of the 'soul'-body: leaving the spirit a naked

flame (in the rough silhouette of man). But the slowness of that process: H O R R O R S! And the AGONY of that process is the 'fire' and the 'flame' and the 'torment' in which the 'rich one' found himself. Included in this suffering are also the pangs of remorse as well as the agony wrought through love!

The 'flames' of hell are 100% figurative language. A 'flame' is consuming and destructive: it is the REVERSED process of construction, or of growth. Similarly with the UNcleansed, UNpreserved soul-body in hades: IT MUST PERISH! When the life-current of God's Spirit has "reversed in it", then the 'flame' of its disintegration, is felt throughout its structure, and it is painful. It is similar to earthly leprosy in its UNrest. Elsewhere His Spirit has better described it for us in these words: "They have NO REST day or night."

As to the time element, this depends largely on the age and strength of the person at the time of transition. The soul of a person young and strong, contains more cohesive force than that of one very well advanced in years. The soul's life-span can be approximated as follows: The body's extreme life-span potential, less the actual years lived, multiplied by 10. Thus for example a person who would normally expire at 75, dies from cancer at 55: that leaves 20 years to go X 10 = 200 years in hades. Comparatively few live out their full potential here on earth. Yet those who live out almost the entire span, have, consequently, a very short soul-life after death. But because of that soul-body's rapid disintegration, the state of its 'UNrest' is more intense.

Let the reader bear in mind that the 'UNsaved' person's soul-life and suffering in 'hades' is not one and the same as that endured later in "the lake of fire". The latter will be considered as we progress.

In earth life, one person may suffer from cancer, another has T.B. and still another leprosy.

Yet in none of these instances does the normally rational person conclude that an infuriated God is seeking vengeance and inflicting torment. We recognize that such illness and suffering is the natural outcome of the violation of the LAW of physical well-being. Similarly with the soul in hades: it is but enduring the inevitable outcome of a violated God-law; for, "the soul that sinneth, IT SHALL DIE!"

There is also another phase of suffering in hades; however, that is principally confined to the very wicked and to those who die in earlier life. Such as have through their wicked ways made many enemies, and pass over while the life-forces run strong. They are subject to attacks by murdered victims, or bitter enemies already in the soul-world and in their own stratas. Although they cannot injure one another in the way that mortals can, they are still capable of fiendish attacks. For, as the leprosy of sin commences to flake loose in the outer soul-body, hate-inspired and evilly inclined beings as well as "unclean spirits" are capable of attacking and plucking off such partly loose portions. Since such would shortly be lost anyway, there is little harm sustained by the soul attacked; yet the fear, bitterness and inner pangs add much to its suffering.

Now for a brief look at the temperature readings in 'hades'. Actually, as mortals understand temperatures, there are none such in hell; but relatively speaking, yes. When the 'current' is negative, the dissipating or destructive force thereof manifests as a consuming flame. But as to its intensity, we could hardly term it intense.

Two illustrations can be given: Fish are comfortable in waters which to us would range from cool to cold. If, however, the fish is placed in warmish water, it soon dies. Similarly with the soul: it feels too warm. Secondly, God has given us the symbols of sulphur and brimstone (both are the same except in form). In the open air, sul-

phur ignites at 478 F, and if of amassed quantities may burn at temperatures from 500 to about 700 F. In contrast to most other inflammable materials, sulphur burns at a very low temperature, and slowly. This by itself is intended to convey to us the absence of high heat. Down through the ages, sulphur has been considered as a purifying agent, and especially used for skin diseases. (Leprosy is a skin disease - in its earlier stages.) Thus, the Bible language ("*fire and brimstone*" [θειον - *theion - sulphur*]) becomes purely figurative for a a remedial process applied to the impure for their 'leprosy'.

Finally, the 500 to 700 F temperatures (see above), by contrast and ratio, reduce in the soul-world to 50 to 70 F. This by virtue of the fact that TIME is 10 to 1. Wherefore, if a given volume of heat in the physical world is to be spread, or diffused throughout 10 times its normal time, then its intensity takes on the converse ratio: namely 10 times less. As fish are cold-blooded creatures, so are souls (by contrast to the human body). Consequently, temperatures comfortable to man are, comparably, unrestfully warm to the soul(-body). Therefore do we see by the words of the parable that the 'rich man' was thirsting in the 'flame'. On the other hand, let us not forget that had there been factual fire, or that condition comparable to "a furnace of fire", then the awakening 'rich man' would not have been in a leisurely conversation with Abraham, nor yet too much worried over others: his first and only utterance would have been a full throated <u>roar in agony</u>!

As shown, the amount of cohesive force resident in the departed soul, determines its duration of life in the unseen world. This cohesive force is closely linked with the amount of DESIRE still rampant while alive. As time progresses and the soul-body advances in its state of 'leprous' decomposition, it also commences to lose its 'specific gravity' - relatively speaking. As the still resident <u>desire-currents</u> burn out with the cohesive loosen-

ing, so does it become more etherealized, and less and less in affinity to what we might term our earth's "desire-vortex". As the soul loses its 'gravity', so does it commence to ascend (away from the earth's "desire-vortex"). As it commences to lift, so does its state of 'UNrest' ease up: its suffering gradually abates. Long before the spirit - still stuck to its last rarified vestiges of 'soul' - in its imperceptibly slow ascent reaches the borderline between the soul and spirit sphere-zones (about 4,500 miles distance from the earth), it enters into a state of relative composure. We could scarcely term it suffering.

By (and before) this time, the spirit has again become fully aware of the true facts and its destiny. It is now in a state of YEARNING: we could compare it to the mental condition of an aged earthling long sick and suffering: yearning for the release! For a long time now it has only willed to be set at full liberty from the confinement and prison of its disintegrating 'soul'-body. Finally the spirit reaches the border of its own true realm: a sudden violent tremor is felt as the matrix for its 'soul'-body shatters at the higher vibrations in the pure spirit-realm. Again the Flame leaps up - FREE from a "burnt out 'engine'". A 'soul' has died! Solomon called it "the pitcher be broken at the fountain" (Eccl. 12:6).

Lest the reader misunderstands, perhaps it should be stated that the 'disintegration', and 'last vestiges of soul' - does not imply anything similar to the decomposition of a body of flesh. A body of flesh has grown from a seed: at death it decomposes throughout and falls away from the outside. A 'soul' has not sprung from a seed: it is a tenuous substance spun from the physical life-forces, flowing into and filling a matrix. The seeing one called it a "pitcher of water". (Water symbolizes soul.) Wherefore, as the soul's 'leprosy' advances, portions flake away, but the matrix is as full as ever! We could liken it to a steam-boiler under pressure. The fire is out ('death'

has taken place). Perhaps a pressure gauge shows 150 lbs. (internal steam pressure). A blow-off valve at base of boiler is opened: water and steam roar forth. Yet after five or ten minutes of this violent pouring forth of water and steam, the boiler is as 'FULL' as ever, although under reduced pressure. After still another ten minutes or so of outroaring steam, the boiler is still so FULL that it could turn heavy machinery for several minutes. . . . Or perhaps some could better understand if we liken it to the large pressure-tank of air from which you draw for the filling of your car's deflated tires. After five minutes when your many tires are well filled, the air-tank is as 'full' as ever (but under reduced pressure). Similarly with the soul: because of its 'leprosy' it may be flaking off throughout one or several hundred year, yet it still remains a full soul(-body). But as its 'pressure' or density reduces, so it rises through the stratas until it breaks and is no more.

IF you choose to term that sojourn the soul's "purgatory", you may. Emphatically is it here stated that there is not - nor ever was - any state beyond physical death, more comparable to that which some term 'purgatory'. But with this difference: there is never any release from this one except as through the process already explained. The unceasing prayers of a million priests are of no avail to an UNsaved soul beyond the portal of death! Such teachings are purely an invention by a mercenary priesthood.

Balance

According to the words of the parable (and let no man reject them), 'father Abraham' tells his child: "**Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art** in distress".*

(* The Greek οδυναω - *odunao* here used can assuredly never be rendered as "tormented". At the worst, its meaning is pain. Aside from this, the lexicon renders it "pain of mind, grief, distress". But the indoctrinated translators of the Authorized Version - and others - lost no opportunity to paralize the people with stark terror of a demon-"God". It should also be pointed out that the Greek βασανος - *basanos* of vs. 23 - also translated 'torment', can lend itself to that rendering, yet not true to its original meaning. Originally, it was to apply gold to the touchstone to try its genuineness; hence with reference to people: to cross-examine, and/or to place them under duress to extort a true confession. Thus did our Lord here point out how the 'rich man' found himself in duress 'to extort a true confession;. Even to the trying of the 'gold on the touchstone': for, the gold symbolizes SPIRIT; hence the spirit's genuineness and worth being 'tried' as it is forced to shed its "'refuge' of lies".)

Here, it is considered beyond the true scope of this treatise to survey the depths of verse 25; still it should be clear to any thinking person that the Laws of God are designed to bring about BALANCE. The rich man had enjoyed the good of the earth (which blessings we may surmise he had misused). As a result, beyond death the pendulum swung to find its counterbalance: during which process he had ample time to reflect and come to understanding of God's immutable laws-in-Truth and JUSTICE. And likewise with Lazarus. During earth-life he had endured much; yet through its trying had found his GOD (for, his name was 'Lazarus' - "whom God helps") and Redeemer. Thus to BALANCE beyond death's portal, the pendulum in its arc found Lazarus being consoled.

Father Abraham continued to explain that between his own realm and the nether one had been fixed a "great chasm" - so that neither could pass from one to the other. HOW could 'balance' be realized by those in the 'unseen', were they able to inter-

mingle, partaking of the selfsame conditions? Hence the 'gulf' between them! Bear in mind how the Lord said that after death, Lazarus was "carried by the angels (messengers) into Abraham's bosom". By himself (in the density of his SOUL-body) he was no more able to ascend into Paradise than can the fish of the sea soar up into the mountains where nest the birds. In the fulness of their time, the 'Lazarus' group learns to master the nether stratas - even as some birds - like the geese - are masters of the high airways as well as water depths. Yet such power and proficiency in travel cannot be granted unto the Lazarus-group until they have come to understanding, rising far beyond the shallow, agonizing confines of the "ME and the mine" obtaining here in the realm of Lucifer. Otherwise their 'paradise' would soon be transformed into 'hell'!†

ONE GROUP remains which we have as yet not touched upon: the 30-fold. Today's bulk of 'Christendom' is made up thereof! Yet all of them have not "retained their estate", but broken the blood-seal and gone back into the darkness of night. But such as have stuck to the Christian code of ethics, hoping for "salvation" through the Son of God unto the last (abiding within the blood sealed house through the 'night'), are like unto the Lazarus group, led forth or 'carried' from the 'Egypt' of this world by the empowered messengers of God, to the Holy Mount from whence manifests the GLORY of GOD.

They partake of peculiarities! They have not received "eternal life" for their SOUL-bodies; yet the same are preserved for them through the power of the BLOOD - in which they had a measure of

†*In the cryptic words of the parable, the swing of God's Pendulum of Justice is indicated, yet no explanation offered as to Lazarus' few earth-years of suffering counterbalanced by an infinity of bliss, with the converse of this for the Rich Man. UNDERSTANDING of God's Plan for Man is here essential.*

faith. But OBEDIENCE is still required of them: they are still 'under LAW' (if we may use that expression). Wherefore, their arena of SERVICE and TESTING is at the base of the Heavenly Kingdom (the Holy Mount): we might call it the Buffer Zone between Paradise and 'hell'. Theirs too is a period of 'rest' from their earth-labors, and the entering into a measure of understanding. Thereafter they do BATTLE for their Lord, for the boundaries to Paradise are still beset by Enemy-spirits. Not until their own "Battle of Armageddon" shall the power of Almighty God through Christ our Lord, sweep clear portions of Paradise and bordering stratas of all that is in conflict with His PLAN (cf Revelation 12:7-8). But in the meanwhile they unsheath the sword and battle the foe. MESSENGER-service is also theirs - in minor capacities. Yet their 'great moment' arrives not until following the great 'Sabbath' now approaching (see Revelation 20:5-6).

Chapter X

THE LAKE OF FIRE

> "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened.... ... and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every one according to their works. And Death and the Unseen (-world) were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of LIFE was cast into the Lake of Fire."
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> Revelation 20:12-15

The above highlights the most AWESOME part of God's Plan for rebellious man as well as for Lucifer's host. But because of its being still at a distant day, it gives TIME for countless multitudes to come to repentance, and enter the 60-fold estate.

As to the balance whose 'names are not written in the Book of Life': their fate is precisely as quoted above from God's Revelation to man. And it needs little elaboration aside from pointing out that all such (who have previously lived here on earth, yet wilfully persisted in paths of error) are destined to become resurrected, or LIVE AGAIN by the time of the cataclysmic event mentioned in Revelation 20:9. As they LIVE AGAIN in physical bodies, their SOUL-bodies again re-form. THEN the Gog-led hordes conceive to march on 'the camp of the Holy Ones'. By then the scientists will have their super H-bomb perfected (presumably a Proton

bomb; at any rate the 3rd stage development of the present). THIS they will use to disintegrate Jerusalem, and to fully do away with the YOKE which the 'Holy Ones' have placed upon them. And they are destined to succeed gloriously - beyond their fondest expectation. For, God Almighty shall permit them then to 'trigger' ignition of the earth's entire atmosphere envelope. BLAZE UP then shall the earth's elements into incandescent heat. Gone forever shall be Jerusalem (such as man has known it), and gone shall be the 'camp of the Holy Ones'! GONE also shall be the Kremlin and all the Gog-led hosts - near and far away! Also gone shall be the present world (such as we know it); for, there 'shall be no more sea' (Revelation 21:1).

Factually, it will not be the sea which shall be picked up by the hand of God to be cast into the Lake of Fire; nor yet the UNseen world to be cast off into a caldron. But when our earth itself lights up with incandescent heat, then will the sea (multitudes of people will then be living in ocean-depths [Reve. 20:13]) as well as all the UNsaved on earth, find themselves in "the lake of fire". Yet this deals but with the PHYSICAL body, the archetype for which will then be FULLY DESTROYED. Any 'resurrection' for them would thereafter be impossible - even for the power of God. Their physical bodies reduce to atomic dust in but a moment of time. How long, or what degree of heat is required for the final dissolution of the body's archetypal form, has not been revealed to me; though I surmise it is comparatively brief. But their SOULS are not affected by earthly fire! As their 'souls' are instantly released, they find themselves in "the lake of fire" (which God activates for the entire 'UNseen' world).

Here AGAIN the 'souls' enter into suffering, but this time for a twofold purpose. When their souls were previously lost in 'hades', it was but the natural consequence of broken law - even as death eventually results for the physical body. But in the "lake of fire" God sears home the les-

son (for keeps)! The slow disintegrating process again commences, but drawn out over a far vaster period of time - running into thousands of years for some. Here, what we could term the seed-atom of the soul unfolds its register so that the encased spirit RE-lives its earth-life. It SEES, and then UNDERSTANDS! DEEP-etched is its remorse into the mind of the spirit. QUICKENED is its fire! STRAITENED is the spirit! CORRECTED are its brattish proclivities! KILLED becomes its wilfulness, and DEAD its soul (eventually)! Thus at long last it again crosses the borderline - now a DENUDED spirit fully humbled, repentant and meek, with an unquenchable fiery zeal within TO DO THE FATHER'S WILL!

Members of Lucifer's host have also their portion in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10; 12:9). Although they have never lived on earth, they have acquired a 'vestment', or vehicle, through which to operate. Back through the misty eons of time they too have lived their life (on the spirit plane of being). But they are "cast down" (from spirit to soul-plane whereon undulates the Lake of Fire). Hence from the time of their acquiring their "UNclean" vestment, their time in the Lake of Fire takes on the inverse ratio of 10 to 100. For many of them, their sojourn in 'Gehenna' will be much longer than for the 'souls' acquired through earth-life. But neither will their pain be as intense. (God equalizes.) And still the OBJECTIVE for them is precisely the same as that for rebellious mortals: to sear into the spirit-mind A ZEAL FOR THE FATHER'S WILL and to fully destroy their soulish 'vestments' - SIN-cored! They too eventually emerge, and approximately on par with their earth-brethren-spirits (as to zeal for righteousness, and fitness for service in the Father's vineyard).

Lusts' Unrest

Whether it be in hades for the individual, or in the lake of fire following the time of Judgment, the lusts common to earthlings, helps to make their 'hell' realistic! For, it is through the 'soul'-body that the lusts of the flesh do course; in fact, it is their seat. Without the 'soul' we would not know lust.

In the unregenerate where lusts are rampant, here on earth a measure of satiation can be found. But in hades, or in the lake of fire, there is no possible satiation for any of these. Wherefore, those who have not grasped the grand objective of earth-life and become reoriented to God's Plan, neither accepted their Lord and Redeemer, find themselves in the Beyond in a 'hell'-like situation. The HATE-filled soul finds no satisfying outlet for its venom; the vain and proud are without admirers. The ones accustomed to 'bangs' through habitual liquor or dope (and included here are smokers), are utterly helpless to secure such stimuli. Because thereof, we find far more raving 'maniacs' in 'hell' than here on earth!

SEX seems to be the sum and substance of life for so many here on earth: without it - to such - life loses its drive. But on the 'other side', there is no trace of 'sex life' - such as mortals know it. Man can dive into the water - yet be glad to get out of it. 'Soul'-bodies approximate the density of water: they can interpenetrate, but with discomfort rather than any satisfaction. So, their sex-free hades is 'hell' indeed - <u>until the soul burns out</u>!

Chapter XI

HEAVEN

We have seen how there are two phases to what is commonly called 'hell', similarly are there two major divisions to what people think of as 'heaven'. The first of these zones is what our Lord referred to in the parable, saying of Lazarus that he "was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom". This is the same zone as He referred to on the cross when saying: "Today shalt thou be with me in 'Paradise'." And it is also the same as referred to in Revelation 6:9, where he "saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God". Two verses later, we see where they were to "rest yet for a little season". This ('rest') alludes to the same as Abraham saying of Lazarus that "now he is comforted".

'PARADISE' in its original (Persian) sense, referred to the Royal Grounds outside the palace enclosure. A person therein could enjoy the beautiful grounds; its select company and delights of the royal estate; yet had no access to the Palace, neither to the inner lawns reserved for the royal household, unless or until the guard opened the special entry-gate. But that, of course, would only be done on order emanating from the Palace.

ABRAHAM, as the father of the 'covenant people', is represented as awaiting their 'atoned-for' souls in the first heaven-world. His 'bosom' typifies shelter, nourishment and comfort. Like unto those entering 'hell', who in UNrest reflect on their earth-life, so do those in 'Paradise' have ample time to reflect on the WHYs of their woes while on earth, and to be 'comforted' by the explanations

unto them of the God-Laws, by those who have long preceded them - who have entered into increased understanding.

This 'Paradise' in the heavenlies is indeed a sphere-zone of 'rest', deep serenity; beauty, joy and abundant PEACE. Still it is far from synonymous with the crystal-gold of Revelation 4:6 and 21:18, neither up to the freedom, glory and power of those unto whom the Inner Gate is opened. But bear in mind that as yet the TEMPLE has not been opened unto the awaiting ones. This we are clearly told in Revelation 6:10-11 where those souls were instructed to wait for the balance of their brethren. This is further confirmed in Revelation 15:5 when we see the temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony in Heaven, 'opened'. This is some time following the opening of the 7-sealed book and the bugling by the trumpeting angels. All these bespeak END-time developments here on earth (request the booklet entitled "Four Riders" by Mikkel Dahl). The seven seals have NOW been broken and the opening trumpets blown. As yet it is but 'Paradise' which openly awaits the atoned-for soul.

This realm of 'Paradise' is superimposed upon the realm of 'hell' - already viewed, and far more vast. It commences about 4,500 miles remote from our earth, extending outward in depth about 10,000 miles. Thus, both hades and Paradise are not fixed placements in space, but zone-spheres in relationship to our earth: being carried about through space by our earth's journeying, even as is its atmosphere and stratosphere. Whereby we see that this relationship is even in agreement with the earth's primary atmospheric envelope, over which we are told that Lucifer has dominion.

But beyond the earth's outermost layers of rarified air lie the ionic and other stratas which our scientists have now commenced to investigate. . . . While beyond that approximate 15,000 miles distant periphery of 'Paradise', lie the stratas of what we might term divine spirit. Therein teem the higher orders of spirits in His service. The dimensions

of that Divine Realm proper, its formation and relationship to our earth and solar system (and galaxies), have as yet not been given me to view, neither to compute. But I surmise it to constitute, both by placement and in power, the CENTRAL VORTEX of our galaxy; or, conceivably the central vortex of multitudinous galaxies.

In the realm of Paradise, the souls also 'rise' (recede away from earth), but usually at a much more rapid rate than the UNsaved ones (in hades). In 'Paradise' their 'souls' remain complete. Although there is no shedding of soul-substance by those in "Abraham's bosom", they too purify (in a sense), and rise accordingly. Most of such while in earth-life have STRONG DESIRES, AMBITIONS and PERSONAL ATTACHMENTS - when passing on, unless that be in very advanced age. Such coursings through the soul are foreign to 'heaven'. Hence they find themselves in the lower stratas; requiring TIME to get detached from earth-loves and ambitions. As they get detached, or reoriented to Godward, they commence to rise. This is alluded to in *Revelation 6:11* where they are given "*white robes*". Let us never forget that there is no 'magic' in death which changes the ego in the slightest iota. Whatever the person was by nature previously, he continues to be. Therefore is it so vitally important that every Christian believer HEARS the command of Christ our Lord:

> "BE YE therefore PERFECT, even as your Father which is in Heaven IS PERFECT."
>
> Matthew 5:48

For, the more diligently we set about to HEAR that Word of His and to "work out your own salvation" - the sooner and deeper shall we enter into the approaches of His emanating GLORY.

Loved Ones

Will they be reunited beyond death's portal? This varies much both in 'heaven' and hell, especially in the latter. It is determined by the vibrational pitch of the soul. IF their transition is not too far apart in time, and if their 'rungs on the ladder' are not too far apart, then they reunite. In hades such reunions grant them no happiness. While in Paradise their meeting grants a considerable measure of joy, still nowhere near that which would be anticipated by earthlings. For, in Paradise, awareness of Truth rapidly increases, leading to that same detachment evidenced by the words of "father Abraham". The JOYS in and through our loved ones on earth is purely a condition common to earthlings. The closer our approach unto God (God is LIGHT: Light reveals the facts of Truth), the more completely is dispelled the illusion of "the me and the mine". It is wholly an error of the carnal mind. IN the LIGHT we adore the LIGHT, rejoicing in its Author and glorying in the joys and beauty of those similarly clad (to ourselves) in His Light! That is 'Heaven' as well as its approaches in the upper stratas of 'paradise'. The JOYS common to Heaven (both stratas) are founded in Light and understanding, NOT in past earth-ties and the flesh which "profiteth nothing"!

Heaven's University

Let us not be naive enough to imagine that death and entry to 'Heaven' opens all knowledge to the 'saved'. After 'death' one is just as 'dumb' as previously - except for the strange things BEHELD. It is like our traveling to an utterly strange country here on earth: our entry thereto does not increase our native intelligence or un-

derstanding - except with reference to the things we observe.

Similarly when arriving in 'Paradise'. But since that is not just for a 'visit', but CITIZENSHIP: entry to God's University becomes A MUST. This Institution of Learning is patterned on the Tabernacle pitched by Moses in the wilderness. Or, more properly speaking, the latter was patterned on the Heavenly!

The innermost cubicle which was a 10 x 10 x 10, typifies the God-sphere, with its Shekinah Glory as its Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the 'Principal' of the University. On rare occasions, only, does He commune or instruct. His functioning "high priesthood" are delegated to instruct the appointed ones in the "Holy Place", while they in turn 'minister' unto those in the 'outer court'.

Here the freshly arrived are SHOWN "the facts of life" as viewed from the spirit-realm. When the 'switch' is thrown and the 'TV' screen lights up, the 'novice' beholds how a spirit (with an immense past) is prepared and given leave to incarnate in a body of human flesh. SPECIAL conditions are required for that one spirit. The WHERE and the WHEN to find such is the responsibility of higher intelligences. The "count down" is in process. WHEN will the earthlings stop playing around and prepare themselves for parenthood? Have they never heard His command: be fruitful and FILL the earth (with human beings)?

Now the 'novice' beholds what we might compare to a little episode here on earth. Mr. and Mrs. 'Sam Dollar' come across Mr. Destitute who is without a job or income and almost naked. They are moved with compassion: they take him in, feed and clothe him. Then Sam finds him a job, and watches over him, giving him fatherly counsel until Mr. Destitute is again ESTABLISHED and prospering on his own: going forward into the rich and joyous experiences of life afresh. The 'Dollars' who helped him, observe, rejoice and feel justly proud. But would they, or the law of any land,

decree that the now prospering Mr. Destitute has become personal property of the Dollars? Well hardly! They had but an 'opportunity' to which they rose gloriously. They have the admiration of friends, and a little reward in 'heaven' awaiting them. THUS it is with the incarnating spirit beheld on heaven's 'TV' screen: it is 'naked' (in most instances) and 'destitute', without 'income' and in sore need of friends! At last prospective parents are found to fill all these needs (even as did the 'Dollars' in the comparable illustration). These parents are providing but the 'clothes' (of flesh), the care, provision and opportunity until the previously destitute spirit can "go it on his own". Myriads of other destitutes are seen waiting, longing and impatient for a "Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dollar" - to rise to their opportunity. Yet the years roll by for myriads of spirits in their 'prison', for modern people are determined to play around rather than to hear the command of God ("fill the earth").

Thus the new entrant to Heaven's University passes through a period of awakening to understanding, and a refreshing of the MEMORY of its own awaiting for parents in the past. The ONENESS of life is again perceived with God its Author and only FATHER, and all we as brethren - supposedly helping one another. Earth-life's ILLUSION of the "me and the mine" narrows and fades, giving way to Heaven's perspective of "GOD OUR FATHER" in patient forbearance with His multitudinous children so slow to learn; and so slow to rise to their opportunity in helping to get their kin "outfitted for a day at school!"

We are spirits, possessing NOTHING but body and soul; while even these we may lose unless 'preservation' ('salvation') is received. To these we can only add experience, netting understanding and virtues (strength). See the utter DETACHMENT voiced by 'father Abraham' over his 'son' in distress! Father Abraham had been there long enough to "know the score". The same must be learned by

others - strong in their earth-loves.

There is a partial exception to this: those in the 100-fold category (see "Salvation, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class" available from Shepherdsfield), are carried directly to the uppermost stratas. Here they immediately rejoin loved ones gone on before (providing that such were in the 100-fold). But because of the GREAT LOVE for their Lord they quickly learn to dwell in the GLORY-consciousness, loving all in the realm of Light on par with their own (in the flesh). Remember His words "the flesh profiteth nothing!"

Following their adequate 'rest' and course of studies in the upper realm, they again take up SERVICE unto their Lord. Principally, teaching, instructing and consoling (yes, many are in need thereof: such as a parent suddenly taken away from a large, growing family). For such it takes considerable time, instructions, and beholding to fully accept that 'God is in His Heaven and all is right with the world'.

After their much needed 'rest', their 'heaven' hums with activity. There is no idle loitering in the spirit-realms of God! In course of time those with preserved soul-bodies (whether through the Law or under the Christian dispensation); learn to serve our God in multitudinous ways. This is also attested to in Holy Writ where we see Moses and Elijah on the Mt. of Transfiguration. In *Revelation 19:10*, again similarly we see the 'messenger' telling John that he is "of thy brethren". That is, one who had previously lived as a Jew! The same thought is brought out in his answer of "thy FELLOW servant". Unless we recognize and admit this Truth, then we imply that the 'angel' used but repetitious double-talk! (Should we 'interpret' the Word of God to that end?) For, the 'angel' was not a 'fellow' (or mortal). IF, then, we postulate that the angel's declaration was one of servitude, we aver he first said he served John's 'fellows', or associates; and secondly precisely the same in "AND of thy brethren that have the

testimony of Jesus"! But the 'and' gives the lie to that. (IF we will not stop to think, HOW can we ever arrive at understanding?) Do we worship God for His 'service' to man (is God a slave?), or because of what HE IS? If your grey matter functions, you will know our 'worship' is based on IDENTITY, not on service. Wherefore, when John was about to 'worship', the angel had no occasion to commence elaborating on his own activities, but rather to enter into a declaration of his own IDENTITY. This he detailed as being of, or out from the prophet-servants (like John), and out from Jewry which had received the testimony of Jesus!

God is not temperamental, nor yet even partial. What He decrees unto one, so similarly will He unto others. Since it is specifically recorded that Moses and Elijah served Him long after their death, so do others - prepared thereto. THAT is the great objective of God's devising a means for the preservation ('salvation') of our soul-bodies. Without an 'engine', how can we develop POWER? Without power, what can we DO? The spirit within is but LIGHT (understanding) and Life (fire). IT needs machinery (vehicles, or bodies) to house these, and therein to develop 'power-tubes' to channel the Light and Fire. (It is but of recent times that our scientists have begun to develop on the earth-plane, analogous machines such as the X-ray, cyclotrone, et cetera.)

Earth's Advantage

Although aside from the vista of 'heaven'; the probing mind might here ask: WHY the multitudinous griefs in an earth-life IF in the spirit realm we could serve God and grow in understanding? Principally, the answer can be given in one cryptic word: TIME!

As an approximation, a spirit in its native realm requires 100 years to garner the same essence as it does in a physical body in a solar year; while about

10 years are required in the soul-realm to equal one year of adult earth life. The spirit learns by observation and impressions received. It is in a state of too great flux to readily formulate a pattern; or perhaps we should rather say: to be "SHOCKED' into awareness as it does on the earth-plane.

We might try to illustrate this by comparing spirit to gases. Our scientists tell us that the bulk of matter is composed of gases, requiring hundreds of millions of years to crystalize. Or more aptly we could compare spirit to steam - an invisible gas. It seems quite beyond the human mind to conceive of steam being fashioned or controlled - except to first provide a strong container, and later to generate the steam therein (as we do in steam boilers). But as and when steam is reduced to water (comparable to soul), then it becomes more managable: its flux is greatly reduced from its previous estate of steam. While if the water is again reduced in vibration to that of ice (comparable to matter and earth-life), it becomes sensitive to 'shock' and can readily be moulded to the pattern in the mind of the artisan (God).

Wherefore, the lowering stratas of vibration for the spirit on the soul and earth planes, are for the saving of hundreds of millions of years to come into the Parent's stature, as well as to receive into its central vortex, patterns clear-etched.

Worship in Heaven

According to **Isaiah** 6:3 and **Revelation** 4:8, one might wonder if there is anything else from worshiping the Creator for those in 'Heaven'. This is founded in faulty understanding of Scripture. Well may enraptured beings perpetually speak forth their joy and praise unto their Redeemer. Yet far more important it is for them to SHOW IT FORTH

THROUGH HONORABLE CONDUCT (service). Let us not forget our Lord's words wherein He said: "For whosoever shall DO the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." And again: "...the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in Truth...." Confuse not Truth with sincerity. "In Truth...." We can only worship the Father through righteous DEEDS; for, "faith without WORKS is dead"! In other words, as the 'saved' love and praise Him, so must they also demonstrate it through loving service. "IF ye love me, keep my commandments" (that is, 'DO'). And again, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lays down one's life for one's friends." . . . . Wherefore, 'heaven' is an arena of incessant activity in "doing the Father's will". Thereby is He 'worshipped'.

Scenery

This varies a great deal depending on the strata in 'Heaven', and consequently, the 'order' of its inhabitants. It ranges from exceedingly beautiful to gloriously and wondrously magnificent! Color symphonies would stagger the human imagination! Neither are they static as here, but might be termed pulsatingly alive. Formations are in symmetry and design entrancing. Even the simple - so to speak - will stand in awe enthralled at "the mansions in glory". Where naught but BEAUTY dwells in Truth and holiness "under the shadow of the Almighty", we must realize nothing to mar nor detract can ever externalize.

On earth, the beauty within the artist's soul may be placed on canvas, while the melody within the heart of another bursts forth in sound. This is 'externalization'. THUS are the entrancing beauties in heaven the externalization of the love and sweetness of His maturing sons and daughters enwrapped in the spirit of "doing the Father's will". Pillars of strength, beams of persistence,

tie-pins of faithfulness and sheetings of protection: these are all wrought out from their corresponding qualities (as above), and placed by the master-builders in the realm. Then again there are the decorations, tapestries and furnishings wrought out through alchemy of mercy, compassion, kindness and love, faith and devotion. The 'furnishings' come chiefly through unselfish service rendered others.

Although there are a great many similarities on earth and in heaven, the reader should not imagine hills and mountains where miners are at work, nor forests with woodsmen cutting timbers. Its perpetually verdant hills and deeps have there been placed by God Himself, that those still young and in a 'nature' estate, may roam in carefree abandon His sunlit slopes of Glory. (The 'young' here refers to later waves of virgin spirits - never marred by sin).

Again it should not be imagined that its rivers hills and mountains are unyielding solids as here on earth. They are solids in the sense that an eagle or hawk may glide the crest of air-currents or densities for hours; or the duck resting with ease upon the water's crest, yet capable of diving deep. Inhabitants of heaven may rest upon the vibrational crests fixed by God; yet as and when their maturity and understanding entitles, their 'power-tubes' are capable of plummeting them to earth or soaring into outer stratas.†

(†The reader should observe the difference here involved. Such spirits may soar into 'outer' stratas but not into 'upper' stratas. The latter refers to the approaching of God's vortex, while 'outer' does not. As previously explained, all souls have their own levitational limits - in their approach to God.)

Sun, Moon and Stars

Can those in heaven see our earth, sun, moon and stars? NO! But under certain circumstances - yes. Similarly to ourselves here on earth, we do not behold the stars in daylight, so neither do they because of the greater glory of GOD - Who is their 'sun' of light. To this there are two exceptions: those who have reached the maturity to travel into outer space (no longer 'children' of the Father kept close to home), and those sent back to earth to minister.

Neither should we imagine that the 'saved' can board an 'excursion train' to Jupiter, Saturn or maybe Antares. God is not a 'showman' nor entertainer. First we must be 'old enough' to understand, secondly, we must earn the right to a 'holiday' or a 'vacation'.

*Time * Labor * Rest*

Time is as much of a reality in the soul and spirit worlds as it is on earth for humans; but with the difference that there is neither sun nor moon to rise or set, nor even a 'grandfather' clock to mark off periods of activity. Because spirit is not subject to gravity such as we know it, nor stresses peculiar to earth, its activities carry through long periods of time before a state of repose is entered into. These cycles of rest are signalled, or called by higher angels in charge. Comparably, the rhythmic cycles unto repose are very long, but 'sleep' is not known in heaven.

Seeing GOD

It would appear that many Christians have the

childish notion that when they get to 'heaven', they will be granted "audience with God" - perhaps like a young lad being indulged by his grandfather!

The popular hymn has it that "there is no disappointment in Heaven", yet unto many there are rude awakenings! GOD is no indulgent 'grandfather'. The 'CHIEF EXECUTIVE' of our universe is far too busy to hobnob with lads in spiritual knee pants, nor with prim lassies in white satin.

GOD dwells within His temple. HIS own emanating light constitutes a 'halo' which far outshines the sun; power-charges shoot out to distant orbs in space the 'voltage' of which could not be approached unto by the 'saved'! These power-emanations were beheld in John's vision as "lightnings and thunderings and voices" (Revelation 4:5). Ordinarily, only those of the 'inner conclave' ("elders") and the archangels can come into His presence. Special occasions offer the rare exceptions, such as the 'marriage' of Christ when the Bride will be presented to the Father; also at that other awesome presentation on 'the Great Day of ATONEMENT'.

Some would reply that Jesus, speaking of children declared that in heaven their angels behold the Father's face. . . . Yet let us bear in mind that on earth, humans behold the face of the sun. Still the average earthling couldn't give the faintest description of the sun's surface - never having seen it! Similarly with those in heaven: they behold but the emanating GLORY, and the signs of that awesome outpouring of POWER which directs, controls and vitalizes myriads of blazing suns on their sweep through the unending reaches of space. This 'Chief Executive' does not grant audiences to striplings.

It is the Christ when He comes "out ... in the field at the eventide" to meet His Bride-elect: when once more He has left behind His Father's Throne to receive for Himself a Bride - that will be beheld in the glory of His dazzling beauty by the Bride and the bridesmaids as well as by those

"bid to the marriage". True, His beauty is a replica of the Father's glory. Yet bear in mind, that the Bridegroom in contrast to the 'Executive' 'on the Father's right hand' is somewhat like a trilamp burning softly compared to its full powered light! Yet even His caressing soft glow on the night of His wedding will channel a greater glory than the human eye could take!

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